

such as keyboard 11, keypad 13, touchpad 15, pointing device 17, headset 19. Remote RFID device 111 is another peripheral device such as flash memory device 21, RFID card 23 or other device.

[0038] Remote RFID device 109 includes an actuator 114 for generating user data, such as user data 102 in response to the actions of a user. Actuator 114 can include a button, joy stick, wheel, keypad, touch screen, keyboard, motion sensor (such as an on-chip gyrotator or accelerometer or other position or motion sensing device) a photo emitter and photo sensor or other actuator along with other driver circuitry for generating user data 102 based on the motion of the remote RFID device 109 or other actions of the user.

[0039] Millimeter wave transceiver 121 is coupled to receive an RF signal 108 initiated by communications device 10 or 30, such as a 60 GHz RF signal or other millimeter wave RF signal. In a similar fashion to a passive RFID tag, millimeter wave transceiver 121 converts energy from the RF signal 108 into a power signal for powering the millimeter wave transceiver 121 or all or some portion of the remote RFID device 109. By the remote RFID device 109 deriving power, in whole or in part, based on RF signal 108, remote RFID device 109 can optionally be portable, small and light. Millimeter wave transceiver 121 conveys the user data 102 back to the communications device 10 or 30 by backscattering the RF signal 108 based on user data 102.

[0040] Communications device 10 or 30 includes an interface module 79 that has a millimeter wave transceiver 29 for coupling to the remote RFID device 109. In particular, millimeter wave transceiver 29 transmits RF signal 108 for powering the remote RFID device 109. In operation, millimeter wave transceiver 29 also demodulates the backscattering of the RF signal 108 to recover the user data 102. Interface module 79 can further include an optional protocol translation module not shown, for translating backscattered data received from the remote RFID device 109 from a protocol used in the short range communications 28 to a host protocol. In a further embodiment of the present invention, the protocol stack used in short range communications 28 includes the host protocol.

[0041] In a similar fashion, communication device 10 or 30 can communicate with remote RFID device 111 via its own millimeter wave transceiver 121 to power the remote RFID device 111 and receive user data 103 stored in memory 115. In addition, RF signal 108 can be modulated by communication device 10 or 30 to store user data originated by communication device 10 or 30 in memory 115 of the remote RFID device 111.

[0042] FIG. 5 is a pictorial diagram representation of a communication device and RFID terminal device in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention. In this mode of operation, the communication device 10 or 30 operates as an RFID tag to communicate with, and to optionally receive power from a remote RFID device such as RFID terminal device 31. In accordance with the present invention, communications device 10 or 30 receives an RF signal from the RFID terminal device 31. Backscattering of this RF signal by the communication device 10 or 30 conveys user data back to the RFID terminal device 31. Further details regarding the interface between communications device 10 or 30 and RFID terminal device 31 will be described in conjunction with FIG. 6.

[0043] In an embodiment of the present invention, the communication device 10 or 30 can operate itself as a user inter-

face device. In this fashion, the keypad, touch screen, or other user interfaces functions of communication device 10 or 30 can generate user data, such as user data 102 that is communicated with RFID terminal device 31. For example, RFID terminal 31 can be coupled to or incorporated in a processor-based system 33, such as a personal computer, game console, cash register, home entertainment system or other processor-based system that operated based on user input. Communication device 10 or 30 can operate as a user interface device to generate user data 102 based on the action of the user to control or otherwise provide input in the form of user data 102 to the processor-based system 33.

[0044] In an embodiment of the present invention, the communication device 10 or 30 can operate to store user data 103 that is communicated with RFID terminal device 31. For example, communication device can operate as a key card, debit card or secure identification card and provide user data 103 as part of a secure transaction to open a door, make a purchase, or access an application of processor-based system 33. In addition, user data 103 can be stored in communication device 10 or 30 to support a host of other applications used in conjunction with processor-based systems such as processor based-system 33.

[0045] FIG. 6 is a block diagram representation of a communication device and RFID terminal device in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention. In accordance with this embodiment of the present invention, MMW transceiver 29 is included in RFID terminal 31 and millimeter wave transceiver 121 is included in communication device 10 or 30.

[0046] Millimeter wave transceiver 121 is coupled to receive an RF signal 108 initiated by RFID terminal 31, such as a 60 GHz RF signal or other millimeter wave RF signal. In a similar fashion to a passive RFID tag, millimeter wave transceiver 121 optionally converts energy from the RF signal 108 into a power signal for powering the millimeter wave transceiver 121 some portion of the communication device 10 or 30. By the communication device 10 or 30 deriving power, in whole or in part, based on RF signal 108, can optionally perform some functions such as key card access, credit or debit card transactions, user authentication, or operate as a remote control device or other user interface device without requiring battery power from the communication device 10 or 30. In the alternative, communication device 10 or 30 can be independently powered via a battery or other power source. As described in conjunction with FIG. 4, millimeter wave transceiver 121 conveys the user data 102 or 103 back to the millimeter wave transceiver 29 by backscattering the RF signal 108 based on user data 102 or 103.

[0047] FIG. 7 is a schematic block diagram of an embodiment of an integrated circuit in accordance with the present invention. In particular, an RF integrated circuit (IC) 50 is shown that implements communication device 10 in conjunction with microphone 60, keypad/keyboard 58, memory 54, speaker 62, display 56, camera 76, antenna interface 52 and wireline port 64. In addition, RF IC 50 includes a transceiver 73 with RF and baseband modules for formatting and modulating data into RF real-time data 26 and non-real-time data 24 and transmitting this data via an antenna interface 72 and an antenna. RF IC 50 includes a millimeter wave transceiver 77, such as millimeter wave transceiver 29 for providing power to and communicating with a remote RFID device such as remote RFID devices 109 and 111. Further millimeter wave transceiver 77 can be implemented as millimeter wave